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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application No.	09/153,782
Filing Date	September 16, 1998
First Named Inventor	Vance C. Bjorn
Art Unit	2621
Examiner Name	B. Mehta
Attorney Docket Number	3022P011

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 7, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. ☐ Other _____
b. ☐ Enclosed
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) required)
b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) 11/17/2003 AWONDAF1 00000134 09153782
iii. ☒ Other: Petition fee for 3 mos. suspension 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,320.00 enclosed 02 FC:1460 130.00 OP
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Judith A. Szepesi	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	39,393
Signature		Date	11/12/03

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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